THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) A scheme has been drawn up for rejuvenation of culturally significant cities. Preliminary work in this regard has been done and the detailed provisions of the scheme are under discussion with the State Governments and the Planning Commission. The scheme is likely to be given final shape shortly. Its basic objective is to ensure that these culturally significant cities become vibrant centres not only of civic life but also of economic, social and cultural advancement. The cities to be covered by the scheme would be decided in consultation with the State Governments but it is proposed as a general preposition to select at least one culturally significant town in each small State and two in the large States.

CBI cases against DDA officials

1560. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has registered cases against senior officials of DDA for their alleged nexus with property dealers in restoring DDA flats;

(b) if so. the names of officials of DDA against whom CBI has registered cases;

(c) whether corruption in DDA is at its peak and Government have failed to curb such practices; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the steps taken to bring transparency in the functioning of DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The CBI have registered cases against the following DDA officials:—

(i) Shri V.K. Singhal, Director (Housing)

(ii) Shri M.S. Sharma, Joint Director (SFS)

(iii) Shri ML. Ahuja, Asstt. Director (Welfare)

(iv) Shri Jagbir Choudhary, Dealing Asstt. (EHS)

(v) Shri R.P. Sharma, Dealing Asstt. (EHS)

(vii)Shri Satbir Singh. Dealing Asstt.

(vii) Shri J.P. Sharma, Dealing Asstl.

(viii) Shri Ashok Kapoor. Private Secretary to Vice Chairman, DDA

(ix) Smt. Usha Ravichandran, PS to Commissioner (Personnel)

(c) Some instances of irregularity have come to notice in which investigation is in progress.

(d) In order to streamline procedures so that no wrong restoration/ refund takes place, the Delhi Development Authority have taken the following steps:—

(i) The system of restoring the cases through the Grievances Redressal Committee (GRC) has been discontinued. In future, each case will be considered on merits in each individual file so that proper accountability can be ensured.

(ii) Where there is any reduction in the cost of Hat or in the fifth and final demand letter, prior approval of Commissioner (Housing) would be essential.

(iii) Refunds would he sent at the address of the original allottee by post to obviate any chances of fraud.

(iv) No settled cases will be re-opened. Only those eases which have not been finalised so far, and where all the 4 instalments due by 22.8.1996 have been deposited by the original allottee or if there has been deferment of the last instalment by DDA beyond 22.8.1996, the previous 3 instalments have been deposited, will be examined as per the policy of 31.3.1999.

Non-Payment of Minimum Wages to Workers of Small Industrial Units in Delhi

1561. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAG HAVAN:
SHRI CO. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the small and tiny units used to contribute 85 percent of the revenue of Delhi Government and because of this Delhi has the highest per capita income in India;